

HB 1039 -- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY FILING FEES

SPONSOR: Dugger

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows an established political party to set a filing fee by bylaw or rule of up to \$10,000 for appearing on the primary ballot as a presidential candidate for its party. Currently, a candidate must pay a \$1,000 filing fee.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows political parties to choose their own fees with a maximum cap of \$10,000 so as to better manage their primary process.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dugger.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.